(b) and (c) Certain proposals for revising the DTC fares are under consideration of the Government. No final decision has been taken on this.

New Oil Tankers Acquired by SCI

1866. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a proposal of the Shipping Corporation of India to acquire two new crude oil tankers from Korea; and

(b) if so, what is the expenditure involved for acquiring the tankers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have approved the proposal of Shipping Corporation of India for acquisition of two Suez-Max Crude Oil Tankers of about 140,000 DWT each from Korea at a price of US $ 65.53 million per vessel with an option to acquire two more such tankers from the same source and at the same price.

VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC RULES BY RED-LINE OPERATORS

1867. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the nexus between Redline operators and other allied authorities in the capital;

(b) whether it is a fact that Redline operators are frequent violators of traffic rules and indifferent to pollution norms etc; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Certain report of this nature appeared in the Indian Express on 22nd April, 1993 and the Central Government have asked the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to enquire into the details and submit a report.

(b) and (c) Regarding the observance of pollution norms by the Redline operators and other private buses running in Delhi, Government have issued detailed instructions to the Transport Commissioner, Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi. These instructions include:

(i) All the buses would be checked and certified by the STA for conformity to the emission norms.

(ii) Any bus that does not meet the emission standards would be garaged for repairs/overhauling as may be necessary and then they should be checked for recertification.

(iii) If any bus does not meet the emission standards, even after repair/overhaul then the vehicle would be withdrawn.

As regards observance of traffic rules Government have directed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that private buses which are found guilty of traffic violations should be severely dealt with under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules.

दिल्ली में ट्रक दुर्घटना में मारे गये व्यक्तियों को मुआवजा

1868. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 12 अप्रैल, 1993 को तुर्कमान गेट चौक पर हुई एक ट्रक दुर्घटना में कई लोग मारे गए थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने मृतकों के निकट संबंधियों को कितनी राहत-राशि प्रदान की है और इस दुर्घटना में कितने लोग मारे गए थे, और